STATE OF OHIO)
) SS:
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

I, MARC A. KUDLEY, DO HEREBY DEPOSE AND SAY:

1. I am a United States Postal Inspector and have been so employed since May 2012, presently assigned at Cleveland, Ohio to investigate Prohibited Mailing offenses. I have received training in the detection and investigation of drug trafficking. I have worked Prohibited Mailing (Narcotics) investigations since August 2012, during which time I have been involved in narcotics investigations leading to prosecution in U.S. District Court, as well as state courts.

2. I know based on training and experience that U.S. Mail is often used by narcotic traffickers to transport controlled substances. I know from my training and experience that the Priority Mail Express system is commonly used to transport controlled substances because Priority Mail Express provides traceability, reliability, and timely delivery. The guaranteed delivery timeframe of approximately one day for Priority Mail Express places time pressures on law enforcement agents to identify, search, and deliver these drug parcels in a timely manner.

3. On November 30, 2016, while conducting parcel interdiction at the Cleveland, Ohio General Mail Facility, I identified U. S. Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing label no. EL550846812US, addressed to Ruby Johnson, 9014 Cedar Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106, with a return address of B. Johnson, 16929 Meekland Ave., San Lorenzo, CA 94580. I identified this as a suspect drug parcel based on several characteristics, including but not limited to type of mail, origin, destination, and size.

4. The subject parcel is further described as a white Priority Mail Express Mailing Box measuring approximately 11" X 8.5" X 5.5", and weighing approximately 6 pounds. The subject Priority Mail Express parcel was mailed on November 29, 2016, from the Hayward, California 94544 Post Office and bore $69.70 in U.S. Postage. Your affiant knows California has historically been a source area for mailed controlled substances into Northern Ohio.

5. The subject parcel did not require a signature for delivery. Signature Waivers are commonly used on drug parcels so the intended recipients do not have to have contact with the delivery employee and/or law enforcement should the parcel be seized.

6. I made inquiries with CLEAR, an electronic database that has proven reliable in previous investigations in determining the legitimacy of name, address, and phone number information, concerning the delivery address of 9014 Cedar Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106, and was unable to associate Ruby Johnson at the address.

7. I also conducted inquiries with CLEAR, concerning the return address of 16929 Meekland Ave., San Lorenzo, CA 94580, and was unable to associate B. Johnson at the address.

8. I know based on training and experience, that individuals using the U. S. Mails for the purpose of transporting controlled substances will often place fictitious address and/or name information, different variations of their names, or no names at all on these parcels to conceal their true identities from law enforcement should the parcel be seized.

9. On November 30, 2016, the subject parcel was subjected to "Ciga", a narcotic detection canine handled by Detective Michael Twombly of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department. According to Detective Twombly, Ciga gave a positive alert on the subject parcel. According to Detective Twombly, this positive alert meant Ciga detected the odor of an illegal drug emanating from the parcel.

10. Detective Twombly has been State Certified as a Narcotics Canine handler and he and narcotics canine Ciga have worked together since 2013. Detective Twombly and canine Ciga were both certified in October 2016 by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Academy (OPOTA) and the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). Detective Twombly and canine Ciga have both completed 80 hours of a state-certified training program at Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania under Certified Trainer John Brannon of the NAAPWDA, a nationally organized police work dog association that provides training for dogs and handlers. During this time, Ciga was trained and certified to alert to the presence of the odors from marijuana, cocaine, heroin, MDEA (methlyenedioxyethlamphamine), methamphetamine ("crystal meth"), and/or their derivatives. Detective Twombly has been trained how to handle a detector K-9 and read his alerts. According to Detective Twombly, Ciga is a reliable K-9 assist unit.

11. I know based on training and experience that individuals who regularly handle controlled substances often leave the scent of controlled substances, which narcotic canines are trained to indicate alert, on the box, contents of the box, and/or other packaging material they handle.

12. Based on the information contained herein, your Affiant maintains there is probable cause to believe that U. S. Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing label no. EL550846812US, addressed to Ruby Johnson, 9014 Cedar Ave, Cleveland, OH 44106, with a return address of B. Johnson, 16929 Meekland Ave., San Lorenzo, CA 94580, contains controlled substances, and/or proceeds which are evidence thereof, and/or contraband, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1).

MARC A. KUDLEY
POSTAL INSPECTOR

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 30th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016, AT
CLEVELAND, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

DAVID A. RUIZ
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE